poster ABSTRACT

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TITLE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRACKING NETWORK IN A DYNAMIC CHANGING STATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

TRACK

Network Sustainability

OBJECTIVES

Lessons learned in keeping a project on track during a major state reorganization of information technology.

SUMMARY

In 2005, a major objective of the new Utah Governor, Jon Huntsman, was to reorganize, modernize and centralize the information technology (IT) services and support for the State of Utah. This presentation details lessons learned in operating a small IT initiative in the sea of a major state reorganization, and presents successful methods of sustaining Utah Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (EPHTN) in that environment. Lessons include the need to accurately describe and emphasize the values of the project, the need to participate at the executive IT planning levels to inform executive decision making; advantages gained in supporting and sharing with related IT development and implementation activities; and migrating the "fog" of uncertainty during a major reorganization.

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